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FM AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4848

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUJUMBURA 0381

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC (SMITH, HUNTER)

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: VAGNI'S ROLE

FROM MACFARLANE/LOVING

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1. IN ABSENCE OF POSITIVE REPLY FROMV GOZ, IT IS OBVIOUS
TO US AND TO VAGNI THAT HE CANNOT ESTABLISH CONTACT IN ANY FORM
WITH PRP.

2. VAGNI HAD HOPED THAT IN PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED TRIP TO FIZI
TO CONDUCT MISSION BUSINESS, HE COULD MAKE KNOWN AMONG LOCAL
CLERGY, TO LOCAL POPULATIONS AND THUS EVETUALLY TO PRP THAT
EITHER HE IN UVIRA OR STEINER IN BUJUMBURA WERE AVAILABLE
TO RECEIVE MESSAGES FROM PRP CONCERNING CONTINUING DIALOGUE.

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3. VAGNI DOES NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE IT LIKELY THAT HE WILL

BE ABLE TO MAKE DIRECT CONTACT WITH PRP IF RPT IF HE
UNDERTAKES SCENARIO DESCRIBED PARA 02. HE WILL BE
TRAVELING ALONG ROAD WHICH IS PATROLLED BY ZAIRIAN
MILITARY; MANY OF CATHOLIC MISSIONS ARE LOCATED IN OR
NEAR TOWNS WITH MILITARY GARRISONS.

4. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS ON STEINER'S ROLE.

5. FOR KINSHASA: WE FEEL SURE THAT ALL EFFORTS BEING
BENT TO SECURE EARLY GOZ CONSENT TO VAGNI'S ACCEPTING
INTERMEDIARY ROLE. WOULD IT POSSIBLY BE USEFUL TO INDICATE
THAT VAGNI NEEDS TO TRAVEL ANYWAY ON MISSION BUSINESS
AND CANNOT DELAY DEPARTURE BEYOND JUNE 04? VAGNI HAS
NOT RPT NOT IN FACT ASSERTED THIS TO US, SO WE LEAVE
TO YOUR JUDGMENT WHETHER SUCH TACTIC WOULD HELP BREAK
APPARENT LOG JAM. MEANWHILE, ASSUMING NO WORD HEARD
FROM GOZ PRIOR TO VAGNI'S DEPARTURE
HE WILL LIMIT ACTIVITIES TO MISSION BUSINESS
AND KEEPING HIS EARS OPEN.
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